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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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CANALNEGS

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS: WASHINGTON  
ACTIVITIES

FOR BELL FROM WYROUGH

----- I.

THIS IS MESSAGE NO. 3 FROM THE DEPARTMENT RESPECTING  
THE SEPTEMBER 1975 NEGOTIATING ROUND.

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1. SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO RECONVENE  
OCTOBER 1 OR 2 TO FURTHER CONSIDER COMPROMISE LANGUAGE  
AS SUBSTITUTE FOR SNYDER AMENDMENT. IN A MEETING WITH H  
ON 9/29 IT WAS DECIDED TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVES ONE AND  
THREE OF PAPER WHICH WE DISCUSSED LAST FRIDAY. AMBASSADOR  
BUNKER MET THIS MORNING WITH REPRESENTATIVE CEDERBERG  
WHO SAID THAT NEITHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO  
THE HOUSE. CEDERBERG INSISTS THAT PHRASE "AND THE ZONE"  
BE ADDED AT END OF EXISTING CONFERENCE REPORT. AMBASSADOR  
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BUNKER WILL BE CONSULTING WITH PASTORE IN SENATE AND SLACK IN HOUSE BEFORE MEETING AGAIN WITH AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY AND OTHER INTERESTED PRINCIPALS.

2. AMBASSADOR BUNKER APPROVED WITH SOME REVISION THE DRAFT RESPONSE TO THE SULLIVAN-METCALFE LETTER.

3. DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND CLEMENTS MET AT LUNCH ON 9/29. WE PREPARED A BRIEFING PAPER, BUT HAVE NO DEBRIEF TO DATE.

4. BALTIMORE SUN HAD FAVORABLE EDITORIAL ON NEGOTIATIONS IN 9/30 EDITION.

5. DEAN BUTCHER, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CTRP WILL PAY A BRIEF CALL ON AMBASSADOR BUNKER THIS AFTERNOON.

6. INSPECTORS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN ARA/PAN ON 10/1 AND WILL BEGIN WITH MORNING MEETING WITH NADEAU AND ME. INGERSOLL

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